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**KENTUCKY MAN WHO TRAVELED TO SAN ANTONIO TO HAVE SEX WITH A
MINOR SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Charles Wayne Carmony, 43, of Mary Alice, Kentucky, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fred Biery to life imprisonment.

Upon sentencing, U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton stated, "Carmony is every parent's worst nightmare. Sexual predators who hurt our children deserve long prison sentences like this defendant received today."

On July 24, 2008, Carmony pled guilty to production of child pornography. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he met a minor in a teen chat room when she was thirteen years old. Carmony told the victim that he was 19 years old and still attending high school despite being forty years old at the time. During the course of the victimization, Carmony would routinely request that the minor victim disrobe and simulate sexual acts in front of her web camera and transmit those images to him. She also transmitted sexual images of herself from a cell phone Carmony purchased for her use. Carmony traveled from Kentucky to San Antonio, on multiple occasions in order to engage in sexual intercourse with the minor victim between August of 2005 and July of 2006.

On December 18, 2007, the FBI executed a search warrant at the Carmony residence in Kentucky and seized a laptop computer. The forensic examination of the laptop computer indicated numerous image and video files depicting child pornography, including image and video files depicting the defendant engaged in genital-genital and oral-genital sexual intercourse with minor victim.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Comal County Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Tracy Braun.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) initiative. PSC is a comprehensive initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet or other distribution technology. PSC creates, on a national platform, locally designed partnerships of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in each federal district to investigate and prosecute Internet-based crimes against children. In addition to integration of law enforcement at the district level, PSC also provides for effective participation of PSC partners in coordinated national child pornography initiatives as well as increased federal involvement in basic child pornography and enticement cases.

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